



Friday 29 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## Planned phased opening – Reception and Years 1, 6, and 10

Following yesterday's Government confirmation that English schools should proceed with phased opening for increased numbers of children, we confirm that preparations for this are being made at Christ's College (alongside continuing schooling for those already entitled to it, e.g. children of key workers).

Much work has been done in readiness to welcome further groups of students as safely as possible. The 'controls' we are putting in place to provide for your child's safety (and that of staff, parents and anyone else who must attend site) are in three parts, and we will share fuller details on these during the coming week. In priority order though, our three main areas of 'control' are:

1. Prevent the virus coming onto site;
2. Limit any possible transmission on the site;
3. Actively monitor, and respond to, developments and feedback.

Our intended schedule for increased opening, along with the planned control measures having been fully put in place (including the staggered start/end times shown below), is:

Year	Start date	Start time(s) - am	End time(s) - pm	Notes
KW*	Continuing	8:20	3:30	No change
R	Mon 8 June	8:20/8:35/8:50/9:05	12:50/1:05/1:20/1:35	Four groups
1	Tues 9 June	8:35/8:50/9:05	2:40/2:55/3:10	Three groups
6	Weds 10 June	8:35/8:50/9:05	2:55/3:10/3:25	Three groups
10**	Mon 15 June**	9:30**	2:30**	Groups tbd

*KW\* = Children of Key Workers and others already entitled to attend school  
Year 10\*\* timings / days of attendance and groups to be confirmed*

To help with adaptation to our 'new normal', we will liaise with parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 over the coming week, with video / photos / maps / explanations of new routines including: groups; drop-off/collection times and locations; allocated teachers etc. We welcome your comment and feedback on these. Where possible, common start/end times will be arranged for siblings (noting the rule that only children within the same family should travel to school together).

Thank you for your forbearance during these most difficult of times, and for the steady resolve of families especially where return to school dates are not yet known. Unfortunately, even *these* limited plans (for Years R, 1, 6 and 10) may change rapidly based on factors at national and regional levels, and even on those local to Sunderland.

We are very keen for all students to return to school as soon as possible, and this step is an important one in that direction. In the meantime, please do continue with the vital work including helping your child's learning and maintaining healthy routines. We are privileged to help you with this responsibility, understanding that it brings challenges along with sometimes unfamiliar privileges and opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

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